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## Children greet Santa with glee at 16th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



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## Transition Benefits: TRICARE offers post separation option

### From TRICARE Management Activity

When service members leave active duty, TRICARE offers a transitional health care option for eligible beneficiaries and their families while they look for new health coverage, officials reminded Sailors Dec. 12.

The Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) is designed to extend TRICARE eligibility for sponsors and their family who involuntarily separate from the military prior to retirement. When separating from active duty, the sponsor and family lose TRICARE eligibility. However, TAMP permits individuals in certain beneficiary categories to retain their TRICARE coverage at no cost. For more information about TAMP and enrollment options, visit [www.tricare.mil/tamp](http://www.tricare.mil/tamp).

The beneficiary categories include:

- ~ Sponsors involuntarily separated under honorable conditions
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- ~ Sponsors separated from the military, but involuntarily retained for reserve duty
- ~ A sponsor who separates from active duty, following a voluntary agreement to stay on active duty status for a period of less than one year
- ~ A sponsor who receives a sole survivorship discharge
- ~ A sponsor who is separated from active duty who agrees to

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## MCPON message to Fleet: No Second Chances for Drug Abuse

Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West

"Shipmates,

There has been an alarming rise in the number of Sailors who are choosing to use 'Spice,' herbal products and other so-called designer drugs; and this must come to an immediate stop.

More than 150 Sailors are currently being processed for 'Spice' use, possession or distribution, and this is UNSAT.

Overall, the Navy has separated 1,374 Sailors in FY09; 1,308 Sailors in FY10; and 302 Sailors during the first quarter of FY11, for drug abuse. These unexpected losses negatively affect our commands' manning levels, which in turn affects the commands' operational and warfighter readiness. The Navy's policy on drug abuse is simple and clear - zero tolerance, and there are no second chances.

NAVMIN 108/10 states the following on drug abuse:

'Drug abuse includes the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance. Drug abuse also includes the unlawful use of controlled substance analogues (designer drugs), natural substances (e.g., fungi, excretions), chemicals (e.g., chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants), propellants and/or prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, and will subject the violator to punitive action under the UCMJ and/or adverse administrative action.'

Some examples of substances mentioned above where the wrongful use constitutes drug abuse includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Products that contain synthetic cannabinoid compounds, such as "Spice," genie, blaze, dream, exses, spark, fusion, dark knight, yukatan fire, and K2.
- Natural substances such as salvia divinorum and mushrooms.
- Common items abused by inhaling or huffing, such as Dust

Off, glue, paint thinner and gasoline.

- Over-the-counter products such as Robitussin and Coricidin HBP.
- Prescription medications such as Oxycodone, Vicodin, Adderall, and Valium.

If you didn't know, 'Spice' is a mixture of natural herbs and synthetic cannabinoids, that when smoked, produce a marijuana-like 'high' that decreases motor skills, impairs coordination and concentration, and effects short-term memory and senses. The effects of these substance is unpredictable when combined with alcohol, and since the chemical blends are continuously manipulated and the strength of the synthetic chemical used is unknown, there is no way to know what you are getting in the drugs nor what the long-term health risks are if used.

Some of the side effects from these drugs included uncontrolled vomiting, excessive sweating, flushed skin, increased heart rate and high blood pressure, and loss of consciousness. If this sounds like a good time to you, then go ahead and hand over your rank and paycheck, and possibly your life.

Bottom line: The use and even just the possession of 'Spice,' herbal products, designer drugs, chemicals used for huffing, salvia divinorum, or products containing synthetic cannabinoid compounds are prohibited. Leadership, along with Naval Criminal Investigative Service, is aggressively working to catch personnel who are possessing, using, or distributing drugs; and when you get caught, your career will be over.

Drug abuse goes against our Navy's core values and ethos, and it is a threat to lives, unit and mission readiness and morale. It is every Sailor's responsibility to deter drug abuse. If you do the crime, you will do the time.

Remember . . . zero tolerance and no second chances.

HOYAH!"

## Skipper's Log

### Celebrate the good things

By Capt. Rick Burgess  
 CO/CBC/CMDR 20TH SRG

Happy Holidays to one and all! As the days grow shorter and the temperature falls, we tend to look back over the past year and reflect on what it brought us, both good and bad. We've had a bit of both here at CBC Gulfport. We've had the usual comings and goings of NCF units, class graduations and training exercises. Seabee units and individual Sailors from Gulfport have deployed all around the world and enjoyed significant operational success — a direct result of the dedication and professionalism of the Gulfport team. Well done!

We've also experienced some tough times, touched by tragic losses of shipmates and hard news from the Enlisted Retention Board.

Through it all, the base community has pulled together and helped each other out. I'm thankful for the commitment and en-



Capt. Rick Burgess

thusiasm of so many here at CBC Gulfport. Without all your hard work, we could not accomplish our mission.

So, I encourage you all to enjoy some hard-earned rest and relaxation over the holidays with your friends and family. As you do so, please be safe and take time to remember our deployed shipmates and their families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Recently at the Courthouse . . .

The following cases were recently heard at courts-martial in Navy Region Southeast:

At a Special Court-Martial convened on board NAVSTA Mayport, a Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) pled guilty to stealing property from the NEX, stealing gift cards from the NEX, and impeding an investigation. The Military Judge sentenced the PO3 to four months confinement, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for four months, reduction in rate to paygrade E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAVSTA Mayport, a Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) pled guilty to attempting to steal \$1218, stealing \$400 in cash and \$42 in gasoline, and wrong-

fully opening someone else's mail. The Military Judge sentenced the PO3 to 75 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. A pre-trial agreement limits confinement to 60 days.

At a Special Court Martial convened on board NAS Pensacola, an Airman Apprentice (AA) pled guilty to three specifications of failing to go to his appointed place of duty, five specifications of violating lawful orders, wrongfully using of marijuana, assault consummated by a battery and being drunk and disorderly. The Court-Martial sentenced the AA to 97 days confinement, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for three months, and a reprimand.

## Fraud, Waste, Abuse Line

Due to limited IG resources throughout the Southeast Region, all Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline work will now be handled by the Region. To report Fraud, Waste and Abuse, contact the Region at: Toll Free 1-877-657-9851 Comm: 904-542-4979 DSN 942-4979 FAX: 904- 542-5587, E-mail: CNRSE\_HOTLINE@navy.mil.



# Around the Center



Steelworker 1st Class Jeffery Ballas and Construction Mechanic 1st Class Michael Valles, both of 20th Seabee Readiness Group (SRG), work together welding an extension bracket on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Nov. 9. Ballas and Valles always practice Operational Risk Management (ORM) by wearing the proper Personal Protective Equipment. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)

Hopeful job seekers line up at the Career Fair held by Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). A crowd of approximately 150 turned up to apply for job openings. Each attendee was encouraged to dress for an interview and bring copies of their resume. Some of the companies were Nextaff, CSX Railroad, Million Air, Furgo Chance, Webb-Murray, Hertz Equipment, Raytheon, and Homeland Security. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/Released)



Fourteen Sailors were frocked to the next higher paygrade during a ceremony held on board NCBC Dec. 6. A frocking ceremony entitles a Navy member to wear the uniform of the paygrade they have been selected for and assume the responsibilities of that paygrade, but are not entitled to the pay and allowances until officially advanced. Congratulations to all. Job well done. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

The "Can Do Christmas Charity" Chili and Jambalaya Cook Off took place Dec. 8 at the Old Gym on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC). All donations are going to be used to provide Christmas gifts and food supplies for local families who are screened and selected through the Salvation Army. Culinary Specialist 1st Class Tomeeko Young received First place for the best chili and Stephanie Lefebvre received First place for the best Jambalaya. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)



## Angel Tree, Ornaments of Giving

By BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher  
NCBC Public Affairs

For the third consecutive year the Angel Tree program is in full swing on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) this Holiday Season. The Angel Tree went up at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Nov. 22, and everyone is invited to participate.

The Tree is located next to the Customer Service counter. Although it is past the Dec. 13 deadline to add angels to the tree, it is not too late to take one off and sponsor a child.

In 2009 the NCBC Chapel brought the Angel Tree program to CBC with the help of Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Chalmatta McCaleb, a Sailor who has since left the command.

"We as the Chapel felt that there was nothing on base as far as programs go, to help military families during the holiday season," said Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Deangelo Wynn.

The Angel Tree Program was adopted to give support to Active duty families who might need a little help during the holiday season. Active duty families can request an angel for their children to be put on the tree with a few gifts each child wishes to have. The intention is for every child to receive a gift. Once purchased, gifts can be given to the Navy Exchange Customer Service personnel.

"It's a great program because it gives a chance for others to help those that might not be as fortunate," said Betty Fobber, a Navy Exchange Sales Associate.

Currently there are more than 17 families signed up with over 45 children represented by angels on the tree. Patrons have been busy taking the angels off the tree and turning in gifts. There is no limit to the amount of gifts that can be given and there is no minimum amount of money re-



Navy Exchange Sales Associate, Mary Alexander, hangs angels with names of children and descriptions of requested gifts on the tree Nov. 18. Angel Tree is a program for families in need to receive children's gifts. Request forms for active duty members are at the Chapel. A tree in the Navy Exchange will have angels tied to it for the gifts requested. Gifts are for active duty family members only. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Cassie Secher/ Released)

quired to be spent.

"This program has been such a success. More than 170 children received gifts last year," said Wynn. "Every little bit helps."

The deadline for gift turn-in is Dec. 23. "On the 22nd of December, the Exchange staff will inventory the gifts and plan accordingly for any angels left unsponken for to ensure that every child receives a gift this year," said Steelworker Constructionman Stella Trusty, assigned to NCBC Base Chapel.

There are no religious restrictions on the sign-up sheet for participating families, so the NEX does ask that the gift have no religious intentions or preferences. Interested parties may contact the base Chapel at (228) 871-2454, or visit their Facebook page for more information.

**Change to NCBC Gate Hours of Operation . . .** Due to limited resources, NCBC gate hours of operations will change Dec. 17. New hours are: Pass Road, 24/7; Broad Ave, Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday – Sunday and Federal Holidays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (NEW); 28th Street, Monday – Friday: 5 a.m. – 5 p.m., Inbound/Outbound, 5 – 7 p.m., Outbound Only, Closed weekends and Federal Holidays; Commission Road, Monday – Friday, 5:30 – 8:30 a.m., and 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. (NEW), Closed weekends and Federal Holidays.

# Don't strain the drain... Recycle holiday cooking oil

By E01 (SCW) Douglas Pojcky  
NAVFAC SE, PWD Environmental

Disposal of the grease, oil and fat from cooking into the sanitary sewer or in storm water drainage swales is bad for the environmental. Tossing what seems to be a little bit of kitchen waste in the trash or down the drain can harm wildlife and wreak havoc on local sewage systems. Here is a list of things you may or may not know about recycling oil:

Waste oil turned into biodiesel may produce 87 percent less emissions than regular diesel.

You can recycle cooking oil and motor oil, but never mix them! They are different substances which go through different recycling processes. Mixing results in the inability to recycle either one.

Plan ahead when planning to recycle. Don't wait until you have a pan of leftover oil to dump. Make a designated waste oil container, label it and put it somewhere everyone in your home can easily access.

Grease sticks to pipes in small particles which catch each other, collecting until the mass is large enough to block, and thus backup, sewage lines.

If you have small amounts of kitchen grease (such as lard, shortening or tallow) which you cannot avoid going down the drain, then use cold water so that it solidifies and is less likely to stick to the pipes.

Cooking oil and kitchen grease in plumbing systems is the number one cause of stopped up sewer pipes.

Cover outdoor grease and oil storage containers.

During this holiday season, please recycle your cooking oils, greases and fats with NCBC Environmental. If you have any grease or used cooking oil to dispose of please call PWD Environmental, 228- 871-3265.

## NCBC building 442 goes solar

By UTCN Daneia Johnson  
NCBC Public Affairs

Electrical power at Building 442, Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) instruction facility, on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport was transferred from electric to solar, Nov. 18. The new power source will help reduce energy consumption for the building and its utilities.

A collaboration between Atlantic Contingency, Grid Point Inc. and Naval Facilities Command Southeast Public Works Department (NAVFAC SE PWD), Gulfport, and the result of a nearly two-month project, energy for the building now comes through installed photovoltaic solar panels that line the roof. A photovoltaic solar panel is a packaged, connected assembly of solar cells that uses light energy from the sun to generate electricity through the photovoltaic effect (the creation of a voltage in a material upon exposure to light).



Cmdr. Chris Knudsen (right), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Public Works Department, Gulfport (NAVFAC SE PWD), public works officer and NAVFAC SE PWD Production Division Director Matt Schultz, along with other Atlantic Contingency, Grid Point Inc. and NAVFAC SE PWD personnel, prepare to transfer power at building 442, Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) instruction facility, on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport from electric to solar, Nov. 18. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman Constructionman Daneia Johnson/Released)

According to NAVFAC Southeast PWD Production Division Director Matt Schultz, the installation of the solar panels was an idea con-

sidered by the American Recovery and Restoration Act program (ARRA).

"[AARA] wanted to rejuvenate the solar panel industry

that had become stagnated over the years, so in order to achieve this goal, a few military bases across the United States were given a certain amount of money to put solar panels on roof tops," said Schultz.

The solar panels installed on the roof of Building 442 will produce approximately 210 kilowatts (kW) of power, but the building only uses about 100 kW of power. The extra electricity being produced will be used elsewhere throughout the base.

"I think it's a great thing for us. The new renewable energy source will help reduce the base's electricity bill," said Schultz.

Building 442 is one of two buildings on board NCBC Gulfport that will have solar panels mounted to its roof top. Building 319 will also have solar panels placed on its roof, which are expected to generate more than twice the amount of kW being produced at Building 442.

**Colmer Dining Facility Christmas Day Meal** - The Colmer Dining Facility is hosting a Christmas Day meal Dec. 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 and is open to everyone. The menu includes Chicken and Wild Rice Soup, Potato Salad, Boiled Shrimp w/ Cocktail Sauce & Lemons, Oven Roasted Turkey, Baked Ham, Carved Prime Rib, Giblet & Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Au Jus, Corn Bread Stuffing & Bread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Green Bean Casserole, Assorted Hot Rolls, Assortment of Baked Pies, Assortment of Cakes, Ice Cream Bar, Assorted Toppings, Assortment of Fruit, Egg Nog, Beverage Bar, Nuts and Hard Candies.



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# Fallen Seabee Hero honored with Memorial Service

**By MC2 Michael Lindsey**  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

Hundreds of service members, civilians and families gathered to honor and pay respects to fellow Seabee and friend Chief Builder (SCW) Raymond Border, 31, Nov. 17, during a memorial service held in his honor on Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport.

Chief Border was killed-in-action from wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device (IED) while assessing a convoy route in Paktika province, Afghanistan on Oct. 19, 2011. The IED detonation also killed a member of his team, U.S. Army soldier, SSgt. Jorge M. Oliveira, 33, of Newark, N.J.

Chief Border is survived by his parents, Craig and Julie Border of West Lafayette, Ohio, his son, Donovan; daughter, Shelva; sister, Shanna; brother, Holden and his fiancée, Terrence Boyd. His family along with his remains was escorted by Patriot Guard Riders from their hotel to the NCBC gate where they proceeded through more than a quarter-mile of service members who lined-up, shoulder-to-shoulder along both sides of Marvin Shields Blvd. Each rendered a salute as the vehicles passed and then stood at attention for several silent moments afterwards.

Border was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 but was deployed as an Individual Augmentee (IA) to Provincial Reconstruction Team Paktika at the time of his death, an assignment for which he volunteered.

During the memorial service, Cmdr. Richard Hayes, NMCB 74 commanding officer, expressed his admiration toward the fearless nature of Chief Border.

"He was a leader in my battalion respected by everyone ... few people in the Battalion commanded the level of respect both up and down the chain of command like he did," said Hayes. "Ray gave his life for a calling that he has followed for 12 years. He understood that freedom is not free and was willing to commit to his duty and to stand the watch defending our nation and our way of life."

Rear Adm. Mark Handley, commander 1st Naval Construction Division, was just one of many distinguished guests in attendance for the memorial. Handley spoke about the bravery Chief Border demonstrated before presenting Border's son, Donovan, with his father's medals; the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart.

"These awards exemplify the very best that we have in our country who uphold the honor to serve our nation, wear this



**Military members and civilians attached to Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport line the road along a funeral procession to pay their respects to Chief Builder Raymond Border prior to a memorial service in honor of the fallen Seabee.** (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)

cloth and represent our country and to have the courage to go into harm's way and defend it with the commitment to see it

through as he did," said Handley. "He is an inspiration to all of us and represents the very best of the Seabees."

## Seabees of NMCB 1 hold unique reenlistment ceremony in Kuwait

**By Lt. Rob Clark**  
NMCB 1 Public Affairs

Whenever a senior enlisted leader chooses to renew their commitment to stay Navy, it is a special occasion. On Dec. 1, that special occasion was magnified by three during a unique ceremony at the Fallen Seabee Memorial in Camp Moreell, Kuwait.

Three members of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 Chief's Mess decided to reenlist at the same time.

Adding even more significance to the event was the fact that each rank of the Chief's Mess were represented: Master Chief Constructionman (SCW) Chuck Martens, Senior Chief Construction Electrician (SCW) Donald Kirk, and Builder Chief Michael Dunworth.

In today's current climate of Per-

view Boards, reenlistments are a bigger career milestone than ever before. Appropriately, a large contingent of NMCB 1 personnel lined the sides of the Fallen Seabee Memorial at Camp Moreell to recognize the reenlistee's continued service.

Master Chief Constructionman Charles Martens has spent most of the current CENTCOM deployment as the Delta Company Chief in Afghanistan, but has recently arrived in Camp Moreell to assist with NMCB 1's redeployment. The ceremony marked the fifth time he has reenlisted during his 22 year career.

"Master Chief Martens has been a tremendous asset to our battalion and will continue to help Seabees as he transitions to the 20th SRG (Seabee Readiness Group) following this deploy-

ment", said Command Master Chief Mark Thomas.

The Commanding Officer of NMCB 1, Cmdr. Mike Saum and the command master chief were on a Det Swing to visit the troops and were also able to attend the ceremony. Thomas administered the oath of enlistment for his friend and fellow master chief.

The other two reenlistees, Senior Chief Construction Electrician Donald Kirk and Chief Builder Michael Dunworth, have spent the past six months in Iraq and were at Camp Moreell to facilitate the Warrior Transition Program for their Det prior to returning back to Gulfport. Kirk and Dunworth were reenlisted by their Det Officer In Charge, Lt. Chris Over, who took the opportunity to thank them for their service and their assistance during the current



**Senior Chief Construction Electrician (SCW) Donald Kirk, Master Chief Constructionman (SCW) Charles Martens, and Chief Builder (SCW) Michael Dunworth are pictured after they reenlisted at Camp Moreell, Kuwait Dec. 7, 2011.** (U.S. Navy photo by NMCB 1 Public Affairs/Released)

deployment.

"These two Chiefs are a significant reason why our mission in Iraq was so successful. It was a pleasure to work with them and to learn from them," said Over.

There were the usual congratulatory hand-shakes and smiles fol-

lowing the ceremony. But it was the Navy who was the biggest winner on this day, as these three leaders will undoubtedly continue their legacy of outstanding service for years to come, thereby ensuring the continued success of the Navy and the NCF.



## Pearl Harbor Veteran conducts Dec. 7 ceremony

Chief Gunner's Mate Hugh Wingo (ret.), administers the oath of enlistment to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Julio Medina, a native of Naples, Fla., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, at the Armed Forces Retirement Home Gulfport, Dec. 7. Wingo, 93, served in the U.S. Navy from 1939 to 1959 and was on-board one of the first ships to reach Pearl Harbor after the attack as well as fought in the Battle of Midway until his ship was sunk. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released)

## Team NMCB 11 earns five trophies at Jingle Bell 5K Run

By UTCN Marlene Hougbedji  
NMCB 11 Public Affairs

Sunny weather, a healthy competitive spirit and an urge to showcase Navy pride brought a group of 11 runners from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 to the Jingle Bell 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run in Long Beach Dec. 3.

Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Running Club (GCRC) as a fundraiser to benefit the Gulf Coast Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force, the event was a gathering of runners and walkers of all ages and backgrounds.

Attended by participants between the ages of 3 and 70 years old, this annual race is a display of endurance abilities from one end of the spectrum to the other. It was also the stage for a Christmas costume contest with several participants winning prizes for best holiday-inspired running outfits.

"I'm running a half marathon in January, so that's good practice," said Builder Construction-

man Thomas Massey before the race began. A dedicated athlete, Massey ran several 5K races during this homeport and plans on running a couple more before deployment.

"I didn't do as well as I wanted to," said Equipment Operator Constructionman Jeff Mitchell after the race. Mitchell checked into NMCB 11 only a month earlier and can complete a mile and a half anywhere between 8 minutes, 10 seconds and 8 minutes, 30 seconds. He blames his third place performance on making the mistake of running the race as a 1.5 mile and not a 5K run; his failure to pace himself at the beginning forced him to slow down in the second half of the race.

Having finished the race first, Chaplain Brian Myers backtracked to encourage his fellow NMCB 11 teammates, roaming the route back and forth until the last of the battalion's runners reached the finish line.

"We had 220 runners this year,

less than the 300 we had in 2009," said Gulf Coast Running Club Race Director Leonard Vergunst, winner of the event's Grandmasters Male title (for runners over 50). Vergunst praised Chaplain Myers' performance, describing how he gradually pulled away from everyone on the way back to the finish line and easily won the race.

NMCB 11 finished strong overall, taking home five trophies: Lt.j.g. Brian Myers - First Place, Overall Winner; Ensign Steven Ferrara - First Place in the 25 -29 age group (males); Builder 3rd Class Amanda Glover - First Place in the 19 -24 age group (females); Utilitiesman Constructionman Marlene Hougbedji - Second Place in the 35 - 39 age group (females); and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Jeff Mitchell - Third Place in the 19 - 24 age group (males).

Congratulations to all of the trophy winners. Massey was another standout, finishing



Nine members of "Team NMCB 11" who participated in the Jingle Bell 5K and 1-mile Fun Run fundraiser held in Long Beach, Dec. 3 stop for a photo during the event. Pictured from left are Builder 3rd Class Robert Woodley, Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jonathan Carmichael, Construction Mechanic Constructionman Jeff Mitchell, Utilitiesman Constructionman Marlene Hougbedji, Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard O'Bryant, Builder 3rd Class Amanda Glover, builder 2nd Class Richard Brown, Builder Constructionman Thomas Massey and Ensign Steven Ferrara. (U.S. Navy photo by Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Karen Butler/Released)

14th overall.

All of the participants deserve a congratulations and a thank

you for coming out on a Saturday and contributing to the prevention of substance abuse.



# Buzz on the Street



By UTCN Daneia Johnson

**What is your most memorable Christmas moment?**



**"When I was young, my grandparents made a surprise visit from overseas to surprise us with gifts and money."**

**CM1 Timothy Cady**

**NCBC**

Hometown: Vidor, Texas



**"My most memorable moment was getting to see my family for the first time after a 10-month deployment."**

**CMCA Katherine Williamson**

**NMCB 7**

Hometown: Camden, S.C.



**"As a kid, I loved riding through neighborhoods looking at lights and decorations."**

**SW2 Robert Nelson**

**NMCB 133**

Hometown: Iberia, Mo.

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# Chapel Offerings

**Angel Tree** - A program for families in need of children's gifts. A tree in the Navy Exchange has angels tied to it for the gifts requested.



**Women's Bible Study** takes place Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

**LIGHT** is a Young Adult Group for members of the military. Meetings are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

**Seabee Pantry** - The Seabee Pantry is filled to capacity. If you are having a hard time making ends meet, take advantage of the pantry. Anyone affiliated with NCBC is eligible to draw from the Seabee Pantry. A limited number of food vouchers are also available.

**Drummer needed** - The Chapel is in need of a drummer for their Protestant Service Worship Team.

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## Breakfast with Santa

Bring the entire family to enjoy Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8:30 – 10 a.m. at The Grill, building 418. Get there early to see Santa's grand arrival, then let your children enjoy a FREE meal of pancakes and assorted sides. Santa will also be distributing toys collected through Operation Homefront. Contact Balfour Beatty Community Management Office at 228-863-0424 for more information.

## Area Off-Limit Locations

**Biloxi:** Boulevard Night Club, Blue Note Lounge, Henry Beck Park, YaYa's; **Gulfport:** Bunk Small Apartments, Herbal Alternatives; **D'Iberville:** Guitars and Cadillacs; **Moss Point:** Tony's Lounge;

**Ocean Springs:** Pugs; **Pascagoula:** Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments, H&H Hideaway. Current "off-limits" establishments are agreed upon and approved by local Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board.

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# What is household hazardous waste ?

By NAVFAC SE Environmental

Some jobs around the home may require the use of products containing hazardous components. These products include oil based paints (including stains, strippers and varnishes); household cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, fertilizers and other yard products. Even electronics such as televisions and computer monitors contain hazardous components. All products can be identified by such words as "warning," "danger," "toxic," "corrosive," "irritant," "flammable" or "caution" found on their labels.

When HHW is disposed of in trash, it can contaminate landfills, and subsequently, our groundwater. When dumped onto the ground or poured into the storm sewer, HHW can contaminate surface water. In either case, water contamination results in higher water

treatment costs and has a detrimental effect on the ecosystem.

The average American household generates 15 pounds of HHW annually. Our homes contain an average of three to eight gallons of hazardous materials in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and workshops. The

best strategy to relieve the environmental impact of household hazardous waste on our waterways and landfills is to implement the four "Rs": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuy and use less toxic alternatives to hazardous household products

NCBC does not collect HHW

on the base. NCBC PWD Environmental works with Harrison County in collaboration on their HHW Collection days known at "BRING IT" which

are sponsored by Mississippi Power, Harrison County  
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**Wanted:  
UCT Seabee  
Divers!!!**



Underwater Construction Team ONE is searching for highly motivated Seabees and CEC Officers looking for a career and lifestyle change. Join an ELITE force and travel as a small, professional team. Execute specialized construction, diving and demolition skills with the latest and greatest technology and equipment. Contact UCT CCC/Diver recruiting team @ (757) 462-3988/4313 or Email YNC Aberle at christopher.aberle1@navy.mil; EA2 Potamitis at marios.potamitis@navy.mil; or visit [www.facebook.com/seabee.diver](http://www.facebook.com/seabee.diver) for more information

Sam's Club Military Appreciation Night . . . Sam's Club, 10431 Old Highway 49, Gulfport will hold a Military Appreciation Night Dec. 18, 5 - 7 p.m. Military Appreciation Night will feature free food, drinks and lots of fun. Gifts will be given every 30 minutes. Military members and their families with official identification are eligible. Call 228-832-4441 for more information.

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# FOCUS on EDUCATION

## Campfire story time



**Students gather around as Cmdr. Bill Whitmire, commanding officer of Naval Construction Training Center reads a story during a Quarles Elementary "Campfire Reading Night" hosted by the school's Parent Teacher Association Nov. 10. Students who attended the event enjoyed hot chocolate, a fire and a great story.** (Photo courtesy of Naval Construction Training Center/Released)

## College entrance, Admission test info

There are four ways to gain full admission to a Mississippi public university:

- ~ Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum 3.2 high school GPA
- ~ Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.5 high school GPA (or class rank in the top 50 percent) and a minimum score of 16 on the ACT (Composite)
- ~ Complete the CPC with a minimum 2.0 GPA and a minimum score of 18 on the ACT (Composite)
- ~ Satisfy the NCAA standards for student athletes who are "full qualifiers" under Division I guidelines, (visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for more information.)

Students who do not meet the criteria should apply to the university of their choice. Students will then be required to undergo the university's on-campus placement process.

For ACT registration and test date, as well as all other ACT inquiries call 319-337-1000 or visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). For SAT registration and test dates, as well as all other SAT inquiries call 866-756-7346 or visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

## 2012 Scholarships for military children now open

**By Tammy L. Reed**

DeCa public affairs specialist

Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at commissaries worldwide as well as online through a link on <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Awards will be based on funds available, but the program awards at least one \$1,500 scholarship to a student at each commissary.

If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary are used to award an additional scholarship at another store. The scholarship program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the readiness of U.S. armed forces and the commissary's role in the military community. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded more than \$9.3 million in scholarships to 6,069 military children from 62,000-plus applicants.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be a dependent, unmarried child, no older than 21 – or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university – of a serv-

ice member on active duty, reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants must ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2012 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay on *"Whose four faces would you place on a 21st Century Mount Rushmore type of monument, and why?"* The persons must be non-fictional, US citizens, male or female – the time frame for selection is 1850 to 2011.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 24, 2012. Students with questions about the scholarship program application should contact Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or visit [military-scholar@scholarship-managers.com](mailto:military-scholar@scholarship-managers.com)

## BBC Foundation encourages housing residents to apply for scholarships

**By Balfour Beatty Communities**

Recognizing the importance of education and its continuing rising costs, Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is once again offering scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year to high school and undergraduate students of military members residing in family housing.

"We encourage our family housing residents with high school and undergraduate students to apply for Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarships," said Chris Williams, president of BBC Foundation, "it's a difficult economy out there and every bit helps."

Scholarships are valued up to \$2,500 with the possibility of being larger for exceptional submissions. The application details and requirements can be found at [www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org](http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org). The application deadline is April 15.

The Foundation notes that the requirements for 12 scholarships has changed slightly from years past

with new essay questions and the reduction of the number of recommendations students must submit.

Balfour Beatty Communities, responsible for the privatized family housing at NCBC Gulfport formed Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel – active, disabled and fallen – and their families in 2009.

One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through educational scholarships to the children of active duty military members that reside in family housing.

According to Williams, "Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to providing a quality living environment that supports the diverse interests and needs of our military families. Through Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, we say thank you for the work that military members do and the sacrifices their families make."



## Santa came to town, annual Tree Lighting brings joy to many

**Story & photos by  
BU3 (SCW) Cassie Secher**  
NCBC Public Affairs

Families and friends gathered at the Youth Activities Center (YAC) to enjoy each other's company on a cold and blustery night Dec. 3. The sound of Christmas music and the smell of freshly baked cookies filled the air. Children were laughing, watching "Charlie Brown's Christmas" and playing games close by, anxiously awaiting a special visitor.

You see, they had heard Santa Claus would be making a special appearance to help celebrate the lighting of a special Christmas tree. As they waited, dreams and wishes, hopes and amazement danced in their heads. They thought about what they would say if they got to meet Jolly Old Saint Nick.

While the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) elves along with several vendors from across the base were busy with making final preparations, exclamations of great joy erupted from the little ones (and some adults, too)

in attendance.

At that moment Santa made his appearance riding on a base fire truck. Children stood wide-eyed, filled with wonder as some of them got their first glimpse of him. As children and adults looked on in eager anticipation, the tree was lit and the lights suddenly shined bright; the crowd erupted in a Christmas cheer.

After the tree was lit, it didn't take long for a line to form in hopes of talking to Santa. Despite the frigid temperature, the weather didn't seem to bother anyone.

"It's well worth it!" said one Dad as he stood in line with his daughter. She, with a small twinkle in her eyes, kept her gaze on Santa as they stepped closer to the front.

The journey to the front of the line took quite some time as each child was allowed ample time to deliver their wish list, take pictures and answer the dreaded question, "Have you been good this year?"

Once each child had the opportunity to

speak with Santa, he departed the celebration. The children seemed to understand that Santa was very busy, and they couldn't keep him there any longer. They had to share him with the rest of the world.

As they watched him leave, the children knew they would see him again. Their minds were racing thinking that maybe, just maybe, they would catch a glimpse of the jolly old man nibbling homemade cookies and sipping milk before dashing on to the next house to leave gifts under the tree wrapped in festive colors. They wondered if they would hear a booming voice in the night exclaiming, "On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer, on Vixen! On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, on Blitzen!" And of course, they couldn't forget about Rudolph! Their hearts were filled with a mixture of anxiety and anticipation as Santa disappeared into the night, leaving both young and old with Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night.

## Ten thousand gifts for Seabee Center kids

**By Morgan Over**  
Contributing Writer

More than 10,000 gifts are ready and waiting for kids on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) partnered with Operation Homefront and seven stores on the Gulf Coast to make Christmas a little brighter this year to children whose parents are assigned to commands at NCBC.

Addie Bingham, LifeWorks Coordinator at BBC and Christmas coordinator, picked up gifts from drop boxes in Picayune, Slidell, Waveland, Gulfport, D'Iberville and Pascagoula.

"In such a time, with the economy being so bad, to see the generosity from the Gulf Coast for the military families, it is just amazing," Bingham said.

Bingham said with the abundance of gifts, the events are open to all military children, not just kids who live in the housing communities managed by BBC.

"We have so many toys. I want to make sure every child gets something," said Bingham.

To make this possible, volunteers from the Youth Activity Center (YAC), Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 and Naval Medical Branch

Health Clinic (NMBHC) Gulfport met with BBC partners to sort all the gifts into age appropriate sections. Gifts range from stuffed animals to coloring books, trucks, princess gear, puzzles and even school supplies.

"I have a five-year-old son, and at my last command I did Toys for Tots and I know how hectic it can be, how many toys get donated, how many people care, so I figured I'd come out and lend a hand," said Equipment Operator 2nd Class Anthony Dennis, a volunteer assigned to NMCB 74, Alfa Company. "I just love to volunteer. It's something I've been doing since I was young; I was raised around it and want to continue doing it," added Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Aaron Hughley, a volunteer assigned to NMBHC Gulfport.

Balfour Beatty will be distributing toys to children throughout the month of December. They distributed toys at the MWR Christmas Tree lighting ceremony as well as a Secret Santa at the Nickle Creek housing development. They will pass out toys to children in the North Point Preserve today, Dec. 15 at 3:30 p.m. All events culminate with Breakfast with Santa.

Santa will arrive in style for breakfast

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**Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Aaron Hughley (left), a volunteer assigned to Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Anthony Dennis, a volunteer assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, Alfa Company and Addie Bingham, LifeWorks Coordinator at Balfour Beatty Communities and Gulfport Operation Homefront Christmas Coordinator, sort gifts donated by the local community for the children of military families. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan G. Wilber/Released)**



# NMCB 1, DET Iraq receives warm welcome home Dec. 8

U.S. Navy photos by Utilitiesman Constructionman Dancia Johnson/NCBC Public Affairs



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 place concrete to construct a base footer that will support a 55-foot by 90-foot K-Span Storage Facility for Inert Ordinance on the Naval Support Activity base in Panama City, Fla. (U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 3rd Class Connie Stevenson /Released)

## NMCB 74 Seabees build storage facility at NSA Panama City

By BUCN Emily Parks  
NMCB 74 Public Affairs

A crew of 18 Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 has been deployed to Panama City since late October to construct a 55-foot by 90-foot K-Span Storage Facility for Inert Ordinance on the Naval Support Activity base. On Veterans Day, the crew placed 70 cubic yards of concrete to construct a base footer that will support the structure.

From the beginning the crew has faced some challenges especially while digging and compacting the foundation. Engineering Aide Constructionman Chaneaqua Robinson said the sandy soil of the coastal area requires a lot of ground work before its ready for concrete.

"Sand doesn't settle easily and our compacting equipment vibrates and shifts the sand to the surface more," said

Robinson. "It took us a lot of patience to achieve the correct level of compaction."

Once the concrete was finally placed the crew took a well deserved break for the remainder of Veteran's Day and was awarded a 96 hour special liberty period to recuperate over the weekend.

The next major evolution is to prepare and place the stem wall footers. Builder 3rd Class Casey Noble has spent his time cutting and bending the steel rebar that will be used to construct the stem walls.

"Everyone on the crew has been devoting their extreme efforts to this project," said Noble. Our teamwork has allowed us to accomplish a lot and we've only been here less than a month!"

All concrete placements are on schedule to be completed by early December and construction of the K-span structure will begin.

**Safety never takes a holiday!**

December 15, 2011

Seabee Courier



### Movie Schedule

Friday, Dec. 16 - 30 Minutes or Less rated R at 5:30 p.m. and Don't Be Afraid of the Dark rated R at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - Warrior rated PG13 at 1 p.m., The Debt rated R at 4 p.m., and Spy Kids: All The Time In The World rated PG at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - Apollo 18 rated PG13 at 1 p.m., Drive rated R at 3:30 p.m., and Fright Night rated R at 6 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19 - The Santa Clause rated PG at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - The Santa Clause 2 rated G at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - The Santa Clause 3 rated G at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22 - Polar Express rated G at 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23 - Home Alone rated PG at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24 - The Santa Clause rated PG at 11 a.m., The Santa Clause 2 rated G at 1 p.m., The Santa Clause 3 rated G at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street rated G at 5:30 p.m. and Polar Express rated G at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 26 - Home Alone rated PG at 11 a.m., The Grinch rated PG at 1:30 p.m., and Elf rated PG at 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30 - Don't Be Afraid of the Dark rated R at 5:30 p.m. and Drive rated R at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31 - Spy Kids: All The Time In The World rated PG at 1 p.m., 30 Minutes or Less rated R at 3:30 p.m., and Our Idiot Brother rated R at 6 p.m.

Concessions open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first movie and will close one hour after the start of the last movie. Schedule subject to change pending military mission requirements.

Movie Hotline - 228-871-3299



December 15  
**•GIRLS ONLY NIGHT WITH FASHION SHOW (YAC)**  
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., FREE

**•CYPRESS LANES BOWLING CENTER** (Liberty Center)  
 6 p.m., FREE shuttle

**•TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE YOUR DEPOSIT TO GO TO ATLANTA'S SNOW MOUNTAIN** (Outdoor Rec)



December 16  
**•MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BIG SCREEN WITH ICE CREAM (YAC)** 6 - 9 p.m., \$2/person

**•STAINED CONCERT AT MISS. COAST COLISEUM** (Liberty Center) 5:30 p.m. \$45/person

December 17  
**•CLIMBING WALL** (Outdoor Recreation) 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Test your rock climbing skills for FREE

**•MISS. SURGE HOCKEY GAME (YAC)** 5 - 11 p.m., Only \$6 and money for concession optional

**•LAST MINUTE SHOPPING TRIP TO LOCAL STORES** (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., FREE shuttle

December 18  
**THE NUTCRACKER** (Liberty Center) 2 p.m., Admission charged at door

December 19  
**•MONDAY-FRIDAY YOUTH AND TEEN WINTER BREAK CAMP (YAC)** 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



December 20  
**•INDOOR GAMES EXTRAVAGANZA NIGHTS (YAC)**  
 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., FREE

**•CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING DAY** (Liberty Center) FREE cookies and you eat what you make!

December 21  
**•WEIRD SCIENCE NIGHT WITH STATIC ELECTRICITY (YAC)**  
 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., FREE

**•NCAA FOOTBALL 12 TOURNAMENT** (Liberty Center) 6 p.m., Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place

December 22  
**•IMAGE MAKERS AND HANDPRINT MOLD MAKING (YAC)** 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., FREE

**•EGG NOG DAY** (Liberty Center)  
 Free while supplies last

December 23  
**•PAJAMA PARTY MOVIE NIGHT WITH HOT CHOCOLATE (YAC)**  
 6 p.m.-9 p.m., \$2/person

**•CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY** (Liberty Center) Watch your favorite Christmas movies all day long.

December 24  
**•GIFT WRAPPING DAY** (Liberty Center) Let the Liberty staff wrap all of your gifts, FREE



December 25  
**•CHRISTMAS DAY! ALL DAY GIFT RAFFLE** (Liberty Center)  
 Must be present to win.



December 26  
**•RETURN YOUR AWFUL GIFT DAY** (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle to the D'Iberville Promenade, 1 p.m.

December 27  
**•TUESDAY-FRIDAY YOUTH AND TEEN WINTER BREAK CAMP (YAC)**

**•BOYS ONLY NIGHT AND WII BOXING TOURNAMENT (YAC)**  
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., FREE

**•MISS. SURGE VS. AUGUSTA RIVERHAWKS** (Liberty Center)  
 \$6/person, 6 p.m.



December 28  
**•INDOOR SCOOTER RACES AND RELAYS (YAC)**  
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., FREE

**•CINEMARK THEATER TRIP** (Liberty Center) FREE shuttle, 6 p.m.

December 29  
**•BONUS BUCKS AUCTION NIGHT (YAC)** 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., FREE

**•PING PONG TOURNAMENT** (Liberty Center) 7 p.m., FREE,

December 30  
**•MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BIG SCREEN (YAC)** 6 - 9 p.m., Only \$2/person

**•GULFPORT PREMIUM OUTLETS** (Liberty Center)  
 6 p.m., FREE shuttle

December 31  
**•COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL DAY** (Liberty Center) Catch all the bowl games beginning at Noon

**•CYPRESS LANES BOWLING (YAC)** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., \$6/person

## Volunteers Needed

**CBC Helping Hands Community Outreach Program** - Public Affairs is organizing the NCBC Community Outreach Volunteer Assistance program. In order to do this, we ask all organizations/commands on board the Seabee Center who provide volunteer services to send an email to [NCBC\\_GPT\\_PAO@navy.mil](mailto:NCBC_GPT_PAO@navy.mil) for further information.

**Cross Roads Elementary, Gulfport** is looking for five people to build picnic tables and benches. Contact Awsome Dixon at 228-669-6928 to volunteer.

**Harrison County Youth Court** is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the life of a child. There are two ways to help - become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) or volunteer to become a mentor for C.H.A.N.G.E. (Cultivating Healthy Achievements in the Next Generation of Excellence). Contact Beth Casey at 228-865-7000 for more information.

Observe posted speed limits on board NCBC. Unless otherwise posted, speed limit is 25 m.p.h.



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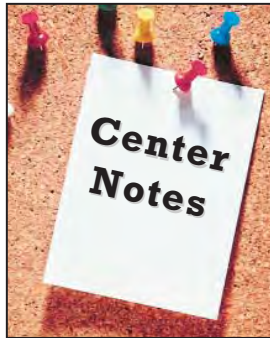
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## SUPPORT

### Family Readiness Groups

NMCCB 1 FRG invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activity Center, building 335. A potluck dinner is served at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment. Contact FRG President Mary Belanger, e-mail [nmcbonefrg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcbonefrg@gmail.com).

**NMCCB 7 FRG** welcomes service members, family and friends to attend FRG meetings the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335. Children are welcome. Please contact the FRG at [nmcb7frg@gmail.com](mailto:nmcb7frg@gmail.com) for more information.

**NMCCB 11 FRG** For more information regarding the NMCCB 11 FRG, please visit the FRG and Ombudsman website at <http://nmcb11.webs.com>.

**NMCCB 74 FRG** All families and friends of

NMCCB 74 are invited to the 74 FRG meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at the MWR Youth Activities Center, building 335 off Bainbridge Ave. behind the Grinder on base. Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share at our potluck dinner. Children are welcome and child care is provided during deployment. For more information regarding the NMCCB 74 FRG please email [nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcb74fsg@yahoo.com). Check out the 74 FRG website at <http://nmcb74fsg.zymichost.com>

**NMCCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact FRG President Kelli Clarke at 727-504-4408 or e-mail [sonki54@yahoo.com](mailto:sonki54@yahoo.com). To receive updates log on to the FRG site at <http://www.orgsites.com/~ms/nmcb133fsg>

### Gulfpot Officer's Spouse Club

The Gulfpot Officers' Spouses' Club is a social organization that has FUN while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, please email [noscgulfpot@yahoo.com](mailto:noscgulfpot@yahoo.com). We hope to see YOU soon!

### NMCRS

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS

offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

### Gamblers Anonymous

The Fleet & Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000 for information.

### TRAINING

**COMPASS** is a team of trained seasoned military spouses mentoring other Navy spouses. Classes are intimate and informative. The three-day course is offered the last week of the month. The course and child care are FREE! Contact Kim at 228-832-5343 to sign up.

### Naval Sea Cadets

The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that help youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact AGCS Enrique Acosta-Gonzalez at 228-688-5288 or [enrique.acosta@navy.mil](mailto:enrique.acosta@navy.mil), or Lt.j.g. Bowling at 228-313-9035 or [coachcb@yahoo.com](mailto:coachcb@yahoo.com).

### SOCIAL

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at CBC's Beehive, building 352. Call BU1 Tony Boldrey 228-871-2577

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## NCBC unsung heroes understand importance of donating

By **UTCN Daneia Johnson**

NCBC Public Affairs

The American Red Cross hosted its 12th blood drive this year at the Base Chapel on board Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Dec. 1. Eight nurses and five volunteers worked together during the blood drive to make it a success.

The purpose of the blood drive was to help out the low blood supply in the community. American Red Cross uses approximately 33,000 pints of blood a day. Every two seconds someone needs blood, and only three or four percent of the people on the Gulf Coast donate blood. That means the Coast is using more than they are donating, so blood must be shipped in from other parts of the country.

"I always try to donate blood whenever the opportunity presents itself. You never know who might need it or what possible life you could save," said Builder 3rd Class Thomas Russell of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCCB) 7.

American Red Cross has a contract with Keesler Air Force Base. Whenever blood is drawn on board

NCBC a portion is given to Keesler AFB to help assist with any medical procedures that might require it.

NCBC averages anywhere from 80 to 100 donors each drive. Thanks to base-wide Blood Drive Coordinator Donna Hott and Chaplin Cmdr. Michael Brown, those numbers are steadily increasing. Over 300 pints of blood were donated last year.

Senior Account Manager of American Red Cross, Liz Gaulke, thinks this year should be even better, although American Red Cross still isn't able to draw blood from anyone who has been to Iraq or Afghanistan. Military personnel that have been to Iraq or Afghanistan must wait a full year before they are able to donate.

"It takes a lot of work and it takes a lot of generous, good-hearted, caring people to be blood donors. They are willing to take time out and give of themselves to help someone else even if they don't know who is receiving their blood. I personally think blood donors are amazing people and they are truly heroes that don't get recognized enough for that," said Gaulke.



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become a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of a Reserve component

A sponsor is not eligible for TAMP while on terminal leave, permissive temporary duty or authorized excess leave.

To ensure continuity of coverage during the TAMP period, it is essential the sponsor and their eligible family members' information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is current. Visit [www.tricare.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.mil/deers) to update information.

If a sponsor qualifies, the 180-day TAMP period begins the day after the date of separation from active duty. Under TAMP the sponsor and family members are automatically covered under TRICARE Standard and Extra. If a beneficiary lives overseas, he or she gets coverage under TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Standard.

Sponsors and their eligible family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime or TOP Prime if they live in an area where either is offered during the 180-day TAMP period. If they were enrolled in Prime or TOP Prime while on active duty, they must complete a new enrollment form and send it to the appropriate regional contractor, preferably before leaving active duty, to re-enroll for the TAMP period. The

enrollment date is retroactive to the sponsor's separation date.

During TAMP, the sponsor and their family members are covered as active duty family members and all rules for that beneficiary category apply, including any applicable deductibles, cost-shares and copayments. For program cost information, visit [www.tricare.mil/costs](http://www.tricare.mil/costs).

If a beneficiary is eligible for care under TAMP and has a newly diagnosed medical condition related to active duty service, he or she may qualify for 180 days of care for the specified service-related condition. For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/tcsrc](http://www.tricare.mil/tcsrc).

During TAMP, dental care provided in military dental treatment facilities is on a space-available basis. For more information about the TRICARE Dental Program, visit [www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com](http://www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com).

TRICARE's transitional health care option for eligible beneficiaries and their families is one of many transition benefits available to involuntarily separating Sailors including those affected by the Enlisted Retention Board.

For the latest ERB information, visit Navy Personnel Command's ERB website; [www.public.navy.mil/bupers-nps/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-nps/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx).

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# MWR INTRAMURAL SPORTS CALENDAR 2012

## **\*\*BASKETBALL**

SIGNUP STARTS: 17 OCT-1 NOV  
COACHES' / POC MEETING: 8 NOV  
PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT: 15-22 NOV  
SEASON RUNS: 29 NOVEMBER-2 FEB  
POST SEASON TOURNAMENT: 6-9 FEB

## **VOLLEYBALL**

SIGNUP DATES: 23 JAN-3 FEB  
COACHES'/POC MEETING: 6 FEB  
PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT: 14-16 FEB  
SEASON RUNS: 21 FEB-12 APR  
POST SEASON TOURNAMENT: 17-19 APR

## **RACQUETBALL X2**

SIGNUP DATES: JAN 23-FEB 10  
COACHES'/POC MEETING: 14 FEB  
SIGNUP DATES: 18 JUN-1 JUL  
COACHES'/POC MEETING: 9 JUL  
SEASON RUNS: 16 JUL-11 OCT

## **\*\*SOFTBALL**

SIGNUP DATES: 19 MAR-2 APR  
COACHES'/POC MEETING: 9 APR  
PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT: 16-19 APR  
SEASON RUNS: 24 APR-14 JUN  
POST SEASON TOURNAMENT: 19-26 JUN

## **\*\*FLAG FOOTBALL**

SIGNUP DATES: 16 JUL-30 JUL  
COACHES'/POC MEETING: 6 AUG  
PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT: 13-17 AUG  
SEASON RUNS: 20 AUG-26 OCT  
POST SEASON TOURNAMENT: 5-9 NOV

## **BOWLING**

SIGNUP BY 6 AUG WITH A LETTER OF INTENT TO SAMUEL PERKINS, SPORTS COORDINATOR.  
LEAGUE BEGINS IN SEPT. DATES TBD.

## **NCTC STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN ALL IM SPORTING EVENTS ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS HELD @ THE LIBERTY CENTER**

PING PONG CHALLENGE  
JAN, APR, JUL, OCT

BILLIARDS CHALLENGE  
FEB, MAY, AUG, NOV

DART CHALLENGE  
MAR, JUN, SEP, DEC

## **MONTHLY CHALLENGES**

DODGE BALL CHALLENGE  
FRIDAYS @ 0730, 30 MAR, 29 JUN, 28 SEP, 7 DEC  
VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE:  
BEST OF THREE MATCH, FRIDAYS @ 1230,  
25 MAY, 15 JUN, 20 JUL  
HORSESHOES CHALLENGES  
FRIDAY @730, 27 APR, 24 AUG

## **LUNCHTIME IM EVENTS**

1130-1300  
3-ON-3 IN FEB  
VOLLEYBALL IN APR  
BADMINTON IN JUN  
HORSESHOES IN AUG  
PILLOW POLO IN OCT  
PICKLE BALL IN DEC

**\*\*WINNERS OF BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES WILL BE SCHEDULED TO PLAY AGAINST KEESLER, AFB TEAMS AT END OF THAT SPORT'S SEASON.**  
•ALL COACHES MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CBC FITNESS CENTER CLASSROOM  
•CFL'S TO REPORT PFA'S FOR OUTSTANDING HIGHS FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP POINTS: MAY & NOV.

## **NCBC INVITATIONAL'S**

### **BASKETBALL**

18-19 FEBRUARY

MINIMUM OF 10 TEAMS  
MAXIMUM OF 12 TEAMS

MAXIMUM OF 8 MAN ROSTER  
ENTRY FEE: \$200.00 PER TEAM

### **SOFTBALL**

30 JUN 30-1 JUL

MINIMUM OF 10 TEAMS  
MAXIMUM OF 12 TEAMS

MAXIMUM 15 MAN ROSTER  
ENTRY FEE: \$245.00 PER TEAM

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

4-5 AUGUST

MINIMUM OF 10 TEAMS  
MAXIMUM OF 12 TEAMS

MAXIMUM OF 12 MAN ROSTER  
ENTRY FEE: \$235.00 PER TEAM

\*ENTRY FEES INCLUDE ALL ACTIVE DUTY

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**Navy Seabee Veterans of  
America  
Island X-1 Gulfport**



Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-1 Gulfport are seeking Active Duty, Reserve, Retired or Seabees who left the military after a short period of time.

Island X-1 Gulfport meets the second Thursday of each month at

Anchors & Eagles at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Joe Scott (Secretary) at 228-669-8335 or [elevenoaks58@caleone.net](mailto:elevenoaks58@caleone.net) or log onto [WWW.NSVA.ORG](http://WWW.NSVA.ORG) for an application.



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Board of Supervisors, Harrison County Beautification Commission, Harrison County Sheriff's Department, Harrison County HazMat Team, Gulfport Fire Department, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., RPM Pizza, Waste Management, Surplus Supply, Waste Oil Collectors, Interstate Battery, Howard Avenue Firestone, American Medical Response and S.H. Anthony.

For more information, residents can contact Jenna Weatherford, Harrison County Beautification Director, at 228-214-1405 or [beautification@co.harrison.ms.us](mailto:beautification@co.harrison.ms.us).



**Only Santa has a magical vehicle - don't drink & drive!**

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with kids Saturday, Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m. at The Grill, located behind MWR Outdoor Recreation. Kids eat free and parents can order off the regular menu. Please RSVP with Addie Bingham no later than 3 p.m. Dec. 16 at ABingham@bbcgrp.com.

Bingham said any remaining gifts would be distributed to various organizations throughout the Gulf Coast. She pulled names from the Angel Tree program run by the NCBC Chapel and plans to donate gifts through that program. With an abundance of gifts, Bingham is confident they will also give them to several area churches to address their urgent needs.

"This whole process has been absolutely amazing," said an emphatic Bingham.

NAVSUP  
FLC  
Official  
Mail  
Center  
Holiday Hours



Dec. 19 - 22:  
Open 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Dec. 23 - 26:  
Closed

Dec. 27 - 29:  
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Dec. 30 - Jan. 2:  
Closed

Contract Post Office  
Holiday Hours

Dec. 23 - Close at noon

Dec. 24 - 26:  
Closed

Dec. 30 - Close at noon

Dec. 31 - Jan 2:  
Closed

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for more information or just come and join us at a meeting.

**CBC/20SRG Second Class Petty Officers Association** is seeking members. Meetings are Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. Contact the Association's Public Affairs Officer LS2 Matthew Wasson at [matthew.t.was-son@navy.mil](mailto:matthew.t.was-son@navy.mil) or President LS2 Earl Simpson at [earl.simpson@navy.mil](mailto:earl.simpson@navy.mil).

**VFW Post 3937** Long Beach is open Monday - Thursday from Noon until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from Noon until 10 p.m., Sunday from noon until 7 p.m. The first Friday of the month is Seafood night, the remaining Fridays are Steak night. Breakfast is served from 7 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. VFW meetings are held the

second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post Commander Bill North at 228-863-8602.

**VFW Post 4526** Orange Grove is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the first Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for more info.

**NMCB 62 Alumni Group**  
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966, and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member of the Alumni Group may go to <http://nmc62alumni.org> for information or for links to Seabee historical sites.

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**HERITAGE**  
**The Seabee Gift Store** is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVD's. Contact the museum at [www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php](http://www.seabeesmuseumstore.org/shop/index.php) or call the gift shop at 228-871-4779 for more information.

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GULF COAST USO  
3001 6th St., Building. 306,  
(228) 575-5224  
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Closed Sundays)



## Seabee Memorial Chapel

### Services:

Gospel: 8 a.m.

Sunday Catholic Mass: 9 a.m.  
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 11:15 a.m.

Protestant Service: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Protestant Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Center Chaplains:  
Cmdr. Michael Brown,  
Protestant Chaplain  
Lt. Yoon Choi  
Protestant Chaplain

For information concerning other faith groups,  
call the chapel office at (228) 871-2454